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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: NIEDERSTAETTER *et al.* Group Art Unit: 1794 Application No.: 10/568,381 Examiner: E. S. WOOD

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For: INTRINSICALLY STABLE SHIRRED STICK

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents Charlotte, North Carolina Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 March 8, 2010

Dear Sir

In response to the final Office Action dated December 9, 2009, kindly consider the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6 of this paper.

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